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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

MAIL STOP RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995

Application Number	09/489,561
Confirmation Number	5987
Filing Date	January 21, 2000
First Named Inventor	William J. BAER
Group Art Unit	2122
Examiner Name	NGUYEN-BA
Matter Number	A8522
Title	METHOD AND CONFIGURABLE MODEL FOR STORING HIERARCHICAL DATA IN A NON-HIERARCHICAL DATA REPOSITORY

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. Previously submitted
i. Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
iii. Other _____

b. Enclosed
i. Amendment/Reply
ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
iii. Information Disclosure Statements (IDS)
iv. Petition for Extension of Time
v. Other Petition to Withdraw from Issue in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c)(2)

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2. MISCELLANEOUS

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months
b. Other _____

3. FEES

A check for the RCE statutory fee of \$770.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

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SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY

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Date January 23, 2004